2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
38013	40575	41793

No separate exercise has been undertaken to identify minerals or the areas prone to illegal mining as instances of illegal mining differ in each State. However, the Central Government has taken pro-active steps to prevent illegal mining and has devised a three-pronged action strategy, which includes ensuring that the State. Government constitute Task Force/Flying Squads at both State and District level, asking the State Governments to frame rules for prevention of illegal mining and monitoring the instances of illegal mining through quarterly returns from the State Governments.

Iran-ore mines

1717. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of iron-ore mines in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number and the details of mines captive to steel plants, mines (merchant mining) in public sector and mines (merchant mining) in private sector; and

(c) the details under the above categories, as to who have set up beneficiation plans to upgrade iron-ore fines?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) As per available information the details of State-wise reporting mines of iron ore in 2008-09 is given below:

State	Number of Mines (Provisional)				
	Captive		Non-captive		
	Private Sector	Public Sector	Private Sector	Public Sector	State-wise Total
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	23	-	23
Chhattisgarh	1	5	1	3	10
Goa	-	-	72	-	72
Jharkhand	2	5	13	-	20
Karnataka	-	-	87	5	92
Madhya Pradesh	-	-	7	-	7
Maharashtra	1	-	9	1	11
Orissa	4	4	64	11	83
Rajasthan	-	-	1	-	1
		TOTAL :			319

(Source: IBM)

(c) The following mine owners have set-up benefication plants to upgrade iron ore fines: M/s Sesa Goa Ltd., M/s D.B. Bandodkar & Sons Pvt. Ltd., M/s Sociedade Fomento Industrial Ltd., M/s Damodar Mangalji & Co. Ltd., M/s Chowgule & Co. Ltd., M/s Dempo Mining Corp, M/s V.M. Salgaocar & Bro Ltd., M/s R.V.S. Velingkar, M/s Mineria Nacional Ltd., Smt. Ahilabai Sardesai, M/s SOVA, Smt. K.R. Gharse, M/s V.S. Dempo & Co, Sri Badruddin H. Mavani, M/s Bandekar Bros Pvt. Ltd., M/s Salgaocar Mining Industries, M/s Doddanavar Bros., M/s SAIL, M/s Tata Steel Ltd., M/s OMC Ltd., M/s Rungta Mines Ltd., M/s Sarda Mines Ltd., M/s Bonai Industrial Co. Ltd., M/s NMDC, M/s Mineral Sales Pvt. Ltd., M/s Bharat Mines and Minerals, Mineral Enterprises Ltd., M/s Bhilai Steel Plant.

Illegal sand mining

1718. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a spurt and increase in illegal sand mining in the recent past;

(b) if so, the States/Union Territories which are predominantly subject to this kind of illegal mining or malpractices or both; and

(c) the details of ill-effects of illegal sand mining in rivers and the measures taken or being taken to avert these kind of activities?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) As sand is a minor mineral, for which powers to regulate are delegated to the State Governments, details of cases of illegal sand mining are not centrally maintained, However, the State Governments are empowered to frame rules for curbing illegal mining. Further, the State Governments have been asked to frame rules for prevention of illegal mining, transportation, etc., and constitute Task Forces at State/District Level.

Coordination between Central and State Governments on mineral issues

1719. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) by when a separate forum would be constituted for better coordination between Central and State Governments in order to sort out the problem related to coal and other minerals;

(b) the measures adopted for proper exploration of available minerals wealth in the States;

(c) whether the State Governments are bearing heavy losses of revenue and registration charges from coal companies and what are the measures being taken in this regard;

(d) whether the above said provision would also be applicable on coal companies for sanctioned coal mining under MMRD Act, 1957; and

(e) if so, by when it would be enforced?